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Dear Josh:

Both Mac and I are sympathetic to your gracious thought about maintaining some of the records of our global search on behalf of the Rockefeller University, which has ended so admirably from our points of view.

Indeed, you are right in sensing that it was as detailed and extended a quest as anyone we know has heard of before. Further, it did involve deep assessments of the aspirations for biomedical science and research as well as many other academic qualities.

So I am just remarking that we shall give serious consideration to your suggestion. Among many other things, I am of course delighted at your own interest in history and realities in the continuum of time. It is something that science has been weak about and can gain much from pursuit. Certainly the technology of record keeping is such now there is little excuse for the indolence we have exercised.

I hear of continued interest and pleasure in your recent week in New York and shall be pursuing our many topics of mutual concern.

With very best wishes to all the Lederbergs, I am

Sincerely,

Bill Baker